

KIRKLAND CITY UPDATE



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CITY OF KIRKLAND TELEPHONE SURVEY RESULTS

A key tool in understanding Kirkland's community values is the [telephone survey](#) City Council commissions every other year. It is used to gauge where Kirkland residents want their tax dollars spent, and sets the direction for how the Council determines budgetary priorities. This year more than 500 residents were called in a random telephone survey that took place between April 25 and May 2. Nearly 700 residents completed the survey online in the ensuing month.

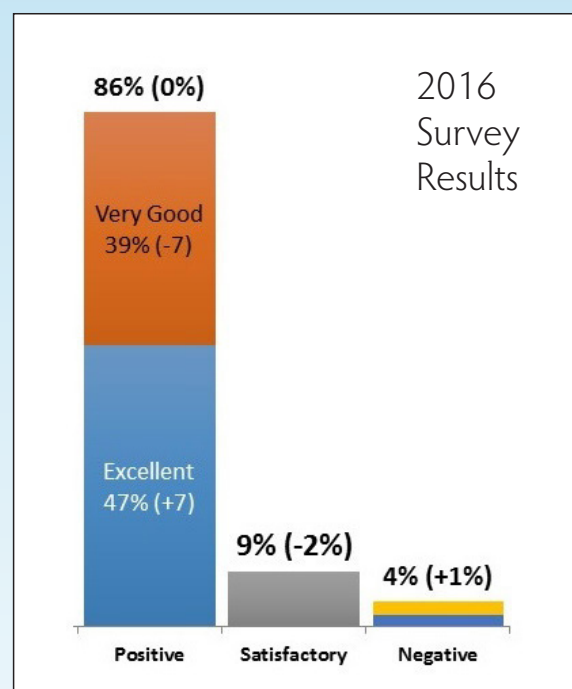
The [results of the 2016 survey](#) tell a consistent picture from previous years. Residents give the City remarkably high rates in overall satisfaction with location, amenities and waterfront access as the most desirable assets. They like the mix of stores, the small town feel, and feel safe on the neighborhood streets during daylight.

This year, as in the past, Kirkland residents rate fire, police and emergency services as the most important services the City provides, followed by City parks, streets and services like trash pick-up and recycling. It was interesting to note that emergency preparedness has risen in the minds of the citizens, but not surprising with the national news articles written about the [Cascadia Subduction Zone](#) and the recent [Cascadia Rising](#) disaster preparedness activities held in Kirkland and throughout the Puget Sound area.

Residents feel that Kirkland government is doing a good job overall and delivers services efficiently. They also feel a little better informed about what the City is doing than in previous years.

This glimpse of what the community values most gives the City Council direction when they determine priorities for how local tax dollars are spent. They examined the results at a [special meeting on](#)

[May 24, 2016](#) and paid special attention to the most pressing concerns of traffic congestion and over-development.



"The City appreciates the time and thought residents put into this survey," said Mayor Amy Walen. "The input really helps the Council understand where people want resources directed and as situations arise, this survey helps direct City priorities. Democracy only works with citizen input, and we are grateful that Kirkland residents are willing to take the time to tell us what they think."

CITY HALL RENOVATION UPDATE

A major renovation to Kirkland City Hall began on January 25, 2016. The project is well underway and expected to be completed by November 2016. City Hall was constructed in 1984 and last renovated in 1994.

As part of the 2011 annexation of the Finn Hill, North Juanita and Kingsgate neighborhoods, the City anticipated accommodating the needs of its new 30,000+ residents. Many of those needs are met through services provided at City Hall such as utility bill payments, development permit review, business license renewals and more. The Kirkland Police Department, previously located in the lower level of City Hall, and the Municipal Court moved to the new Kirkland Justice Center in Totem Lake.

City Hall interior improvements to the building include a new layout that features a customer service counter, dedicated development services counters, consolidated service locations, and a dedicated Emergency Operations Center, as well as updated furnishings, restrooms, carpet and paint. Other improvements include seismic upgrades in the older areas of the building, installation of solar panels, replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning with a more energy efficient system, and a new roof and exterior paint. The City Council Chambers has been updated as a multi-purpose room with multi-media upgrades. The first meeting of the City Council in the renovated Council Chambers took place on May 17, 2016.

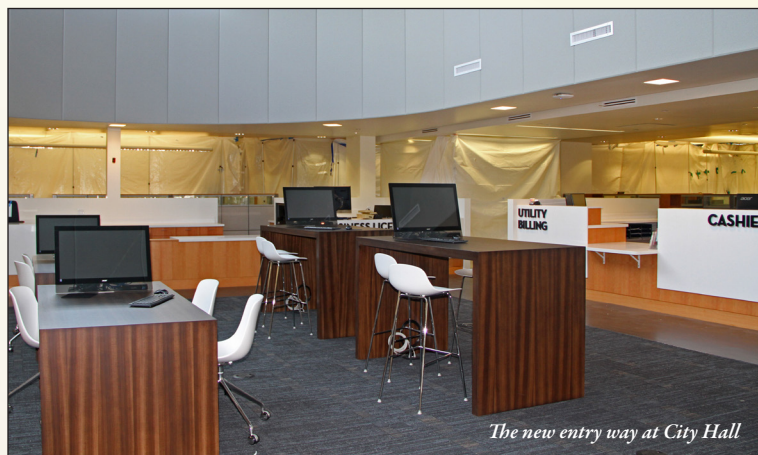
City Hall's main entry, lobby and customer service counters are now open! There is a full time Customer Service Program Lead appointed to serve as a "concierge" to assist customers as they enter City Hall to ensure they get direct and consistent information. The City Council en-

Kirkland City Hall

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dorsed the customer service value statement which declares our commitment to the customer: "The City of Kirkland provides an exceptional customer service experience through listening, responding and working together to find solutions."

The renovation will continue through the fall of 2016 with completion expected by the end of the year. In the meantime, thank you for your continued patience as we complete construction! More information on the renovation can be found at www.kirklandwa.gov/cityhallremodel.



The new entry way at City Hall

TIPS FOR LIVING WITH WILDLIFE IN URBAN SETTINGS

With over 550 acres of parklands, Kirkland is home to many types of wildlife such as deer, coyotes, cougars, and raccoons, to name a few. As more people enjoy the City's parks and the outdoors this summer, reports of encounters between people and wildlife will likely increase.

According to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the primary reason coyotes and other wildlife can thrive in our urban environment is because people have (unintentionally or intentionally) provided readily available food sources. Cutting off food sources is the key to reducing or avoiding confrontations:

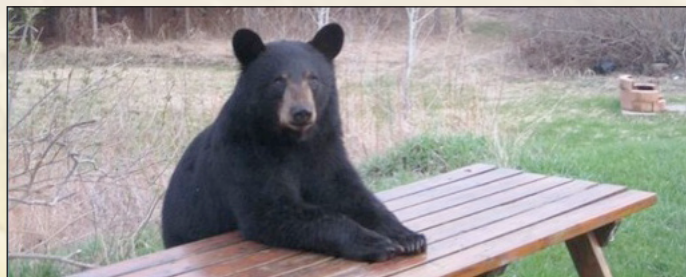
Here are 7 easy tips for living with wildlife:

1. Don't feed wildlife either unintentionally or intentionally
2. Keep pet food indoors and away from pet doors
3. Keep garbage cans secure and barbecue areas clean
4. Keep dogs on a leash
5. Keep pets indoors, especially at night
6. Don't feed feral cats (on which coyotes prey)
7. Report aggressive, fearless wildlife immediately

Managing wildlife falls into the jurisdiction of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife at (425) 775-1311 for wildlife-related issues. For more information, visit wdfw.wa.gov/living.

► Workshop on Living with Wildlife in Urban Settings:

The City of Kirkland, in conjunction with Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and USDA-Wildlife Services, will host a workshop on Living with Wildlife in Urban Settings at City Hall on Wednesday, June 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m..





FIRE STATION UPDATE

To read updates on the Fire Station projects, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/northkirklandfirestation.

Faster response times to 911 calls and better emergency services are the drive behind the [City Council resolution](#) passed October, 2015. The resolution affirmed the plan developed by the City Manager that focuses on meeting response time throughout the City, maintaining and improving service to Finn Hill, Juanita and Kingsgate, upgrading Holmes Point Fire Station 25 on Finn Hill, and also purchasing property for two new fire stations.

The two new fire stations are strategically located to improve services in the north end of the City which will improve response in the City overall. The new Station 24 will be in the vicinity of NE 132nd Street and 100th Avenue NE (near Juanita Elementary School). Station 27 will relocate from the west of I-405 on NE 132nd Street to the east side of the Interstate north of Evergreen Hospital.

A block of four residential sites had been selected for station 24, but those possibilities were halted when a title search revealed a covenant that specifically prohibited building a fire station. As planners continued a property search, a different parcel was identified. The new commer-



cial property, due west of the residential properties, currently houses a Rite Aid store. The City is in the process of purchasing the property from the owner who also owns the property next door that currently houses the Goodwill store. City staff is currently working with real estate professionals to identify possible locations for the new Station 27 (currently located on NE 132nd Street just west of I-405). The new Station 24 and relocated Station 27 should improve response capability throughout the City.

Funding is available for the Station 25 renovation, the purchase of properties for Station 24 and 27 and for the construction of Station 24. Additional funding would be needed to construct the related Station 27 and to complete much-needed renovations at the City's other fire stations. The Council is reviewing financing scenarios and will conduct an inclusive public process to understand the community's needs for fire service improvements. They are also looking at the appropriate timing of the improvements and funding mechanisms including a potential ballot measure for 2018.

BAG REDUCTION/BAG FEE UPDATE

KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS FIVE CENT PAPER BAG FEE FOR SOME BUSINESSES



At its April 19, 2016 meeting, the Kirkland City Council temporarily suspended the requirement in the City's Plastic Bag Reduction Policy ordinance for some Kirkland retailers to charge customers five cents for large paper bags. The amended ordinance went into effect on May 1, 2016 and will expire one year later on May 1, 2017. The five cent paper bag fee requirement will remain in effect for grocery, convenience, and drug stores; gas stations; and warehouse clubs.

The temporary suspension of the five cent bag fee gives smaller retailers additional time to adjust to the City's new policy, which went into effect on March 1, 2016. Retailers for which the paper bag fee was suspended may continue to charge the fee at their discretion during the suspension period. The five-cent paper bag fee is included in 11 of the 14 plastic bag reduction policies in Washington State to provide a nominal but effective incentive to customers to bring their own reusable bags when shopping. The five cents for each paper bag are retained by the retailer to offset the cost of paper bags.

All retailers affected by the plastic bag reduction policy have been contacted and advised of their status concerning their requirement to charge for or temporarily not charge for paper bags. A complete list of retailers and each retailer's status is available on the City's website at www.kirklandwa.gov/bringyourbag. Residents and businesses with questions about the temporary suspension of the five cent paper bag fee can call the Recycling Hotline at (425) 587-3812 or send an email to recycle@kirklandwa.gov.


KIRKLAND RECOGNIZED for environmental leadership



This past spring, the City of Kirkland was recognized statewide and nationally for its leadership in climate action and clean energy. As a member of the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration, the City of Kirkland was recognized by Governor Jay Inslee for diversifying energy generation through the "Northwest Solar Communities" program. The City of Kirkland and the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration were also presented with an Innovative Partnerships Climate Leadership Award for collaborative local government efforts to reduce carbon pollution and confront climate change. The award is one of 17 national leadership awards from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For more information about the City of Kirkland's sustainability initiatives, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/kirklandgreen.

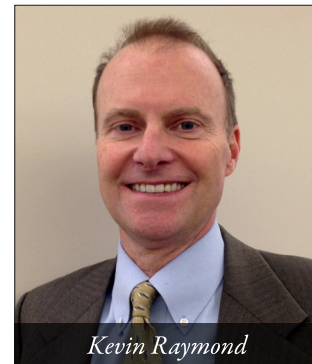


MEET THE CITY'S NEW DIRECTORS

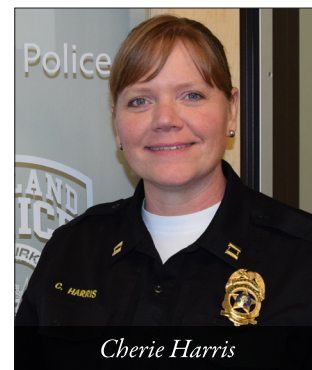


Over the past few months, four people have been appointed to leadership positions with the City of Kirkland replacing outgoing or retiring directors. The City welcomed City Attorney Kevin Raymond, Police Chief Cherie Harris, Fire Chief Joe Sanford, and Parks and Community Services Director Lynn Zwaagstra to the executive team.

Kevin Raymond began as the City Attorney March 1, 2016. As Kirkland's City Attorney, Mr. Raymond works closely with the City Council, City Manager, and City departments to provide legal services to help achieve City Council goals. Kevin's past experience spans practicing municipal law with King County and the City of Seattle, serving as King County Executive Gary Locke's Chief of Staff, and private law experience in land use, permitting and regulatory work with local, state and federal governmental entities. He practiced municipal law for over 11 years in the civil division of the King County Prosecutor's Office.



Cherie Harris appointment as Kirkland's new Police Chief began April 16, 2016. Chief Harris was previously the Operations Captain for the Kirkland Police Department where she directed and managed all uniformed personnel including Patrol, the Traffic Unit, K-9, the Special Response Team (SWAT), Crisis Negotiations Team, and Parking Enforcement Officers. She was chosen through a national selection process. As Chief, she oversees the 99 sworn and 36 civilian personnel who serve in the Department's three divisions. Chief Harris has over 23 years of law enforcement experience.



Joe Sanford was appointed as the new Fire Chief for the City of Kirkland, effective May 4, 2016 after serving 11 months as Interim Chief.

Chief Sanford has spent his entire career with the City of Kirkland. He has held every rank in the Kirkland Fire Department since being hired in 1981, including Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief, Deputy Chief and Interim Chief. During his tenure as a Kirkland Battalion Chief, he was named Chief of the Year in 2012 and 2014 and was Firefighter of the Year in 1989 and 2001. Chief Sanford was also the Manager of the Regional Fire Training Division where he supervised the work of Battalion Chiefs, Captains and staff from Kirkland, Redmond, and Woodinville to provide year round training for nearly 300 firefighters, fire officers and chiefs.



Lynn Zwaagstra became Kirkland's new Parks and Community Services Director as of May 23, 2016. As Kirkland's Parks and Community Services Director, she oversees the City's recreation programs; parks planning, acquisition, development and maintenance; human services and volunteer participation in the restoration of natural areas. Ms. Zwaagstra was formerly the Director of Campus Recreation at the University of Arizona where she oversaw all the facilities and recreation programs that serve the 42,000 students and 15,000 faculty. Prior to her time at Arizona, Ms. Zwaagstra was the Recreations Director for the towns of Breckenridge and Frisco in Colorado.



NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY PROGRAM UPDATE

Neighborhood Associations are doing a great job working with the City of Kirkland to increase pedestrian safety and create new connections to the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

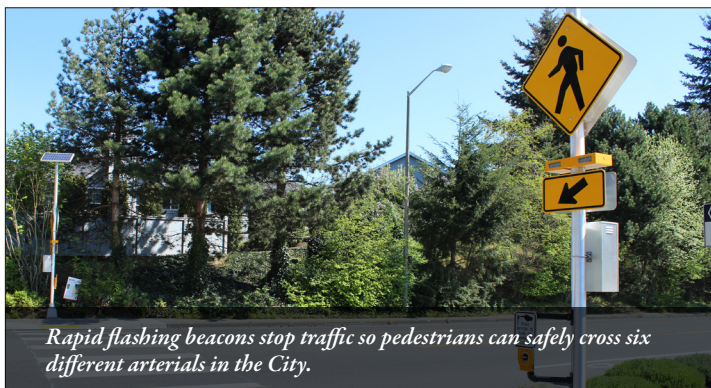
In 2014 the Kirkland City Council authorized the Neighborhood Safety Program to reenergize Neighborhood Associations to work collaboratively in identifying, prioritizing and addressing pedestrian and bicycle safety issues in Kirkland neighborhoods.

The Program is funded by the voter approved 2012 Streets Levy and City Council's Walkable Kirkland initiative. Each year there is a total of \$350,000 available for projects citywide under \$50,000.

The 2016 funded projects have just been announced. These 14 projects include intersection studies, trail and stair connections to the Cross Kirkland Corridor, lighting improvements, walkways, and crosswalk improvements. Learn about all of the 2016 projects at <http://www.kirklandwa.gov/nsp>



Residents pitched in to help build the new pedestrian bridge and steps connecting the Highlands neighborhood to the Cross Kirkland Corridor.



Rapid flashing beacons stop traffic so pedestrians can safely cross six different arterials in the City.

In 2015, 11 projects were funded that are now complete. These projects included rapid flashing beacons at crosswalks, radar speed signs, connections to the Cross Kirkland Corridor and crosswalk striping and lighting.



Children can now walk to Lakeview Elementary School without crossing Northeast 68th Street using the new stairs and bike tunnel that connects to the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

DO YOU HAVE A PEDESTRIAN OR BICYCLE SAFETY PROJECT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE COMPLETE?

Improvements are restricted to City property including streets, parks, community facilities, and the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

Applicable projects fall into the following categories:

- **Bicycle facility** – such as bike lanes or trails.
- **Crosswalks** – such as new crosswalks, improved crosswalk ramps, pedestrian refuge/safety islands at crosswalks, and rapid flashing beacons.
- **Intersection Improvement** – such as signage, parking, and pedestrian "bump outs."
- **Traffic Calming** – such as traffic islands, speed cushions, signage, and radar signs.
- **Walkway/Sidewalk and Trail** – such as gravel trail, steps, curb, traffic delineators, and sidewalk.
- **Street Light** – such as improvement on an existing utility pole or installing a new light pole.

Visit www.kirklandwa.gov and search neighborhood safety program to learn how to suggest a project and work with your Neighborhood Association to submit a Neighborhood Safety Program Project idea for 2017 projects.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK: Capital Improvement Projects in Kirkland

Kirkland's capital improvement program is currently managing more than a dozen active projects that, when complete, will improve the community's basic needs.

► 80TH STREET CLOSURES CONTINUE

Various sections of Northeast 80th Street will close this summer while Kirkland's contractor installs new water and sewer mains beneath the street. The one-week closure between 130th and 132nd avenues northeast began June 24. Northeast 80th Street will also close for two weeks between 123rd and 126th avenues northeast starting June 29; and for up to one month between 126th and 128th avenues northeast, starting July 13.



► LAKE WASHINGTON BOULEVARD TO CLOSE IN AUGUST

Lake Washington Boulevard will close beginning August 1st for 30 consecutive days south of Northeast 38th Place while Kirkland's contractor, KLB Construction installs a box culvert for Cochran Springs Creek. This closure will coincide with Kirkland Summerfest. The City will establish a detour route along Northeast 38th Place, Northup Way and Bellevue Way Northeast. After the full closure in August, KLB Construction will open the arterial but will close lanes while it repaves and restores. Utility providers are currently relocating water mains, fiber optics and power lines to make room for the box culvert. KLB Construction expects those relocations to be complete by August 1. For more information, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/cochransprings.

► STREET SEAL PLANNED FOR RESIDENTIAL ROADS IN FINN HILL, HOUGHTON

Kirkland's capital improvement program is planning this summer to seal sections of more than 50 neighborhood roads in Finn Hill and Central Houghton. The process will require Kirkland's prospective contractor to close each road for six to eight hours. The benefits, however, are dramatic. By sealing these roads, Kirkland is extending their useful lives by five to 10 years. However, street sealing is only effective for neighborhood roads that are in good condition. For a list of planned street seal projects go to www.kirklandwa.gov/streetpreservation.



► SIXTH STREET TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Project engineers are planning to begin construction on two Sixth Street traffic signals this fall. The project will add four-way traffic signals at two of Sixth Street's intersections: one at Ninth Avenue; the other at Kirkland Way. The intersection project at Kirkland Way will reconfigure and reconstruct the intersection with concrete, which will allow buses to more easily make left-hand turns. The concrete will sustain the heavier-than-normal loads that buses impose on the intersection. For more information, search "Google Vicinity Projects" on www.kirklandwa.gov.

► CITY HALL SOUTH PARKING LOT

Construction on an 84-stall parking lot near downtown Kirkland begins in August and will likely be complete by fall. A hearing examiner approved the project on May 19. Forty-six of the 84 stalls will be standard-sized. The remaining 38 stalls will be compact-sized. The lot will feature two five-foot-wide pedestrian paths, a five-foot-wide landscaped buffer along Third Avenue with trees spread 10 feet apart and two driveways—one on the southwestern corner of the property off Third Avenue; the other from the parking lot of the City of Kirkland's Annex Building. The parking lot will be signed for downtown employee parking during the day and available for general public parking in the evenings. For more information, search "City Hall parking lot" on www.kirklandwa.gov.



Workers put the finishing touches on Waverly Beach Park which is now open. The dock has been resurfaced and a new drainage system was put in. The picnic structure and children's play area is a great place to enjoy summer fun.

► CONTRACTOR BEGINS SIDEWALK-ACCESS UPGRADES

Westwater Construction continues to improve sidewalk access along the arterials Kirkland is planning to repave later this summer. It has already improved sidewalk access along Juanita's 93rd Avenue Northeast, 100th Avenue Northeast and Bridle Trails' Northeast 60th Street. Throughout the next few weeks, the concrete contractor will upgrade curb ramps along North Rose Hill's Slater Avenue Northeast, Finn Hill's 84th Avenue Northeast and 132nd Avenue Northeast. For more information, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/streetpreservation.

2016 SUMMER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Continued)

► CITY FORMS ADVISORY GROUP FOR 100TH AVENUE NORTH-EAST CORRIDOR DESIGN

The 100th Avenue Corridor Design team is forming an advisory group of residents, business owners and stakeholders to participate in the year-long design process. The City of Kirkland earned a \$3.2 million grant to re-design the corridor from Northeast 132nd Street to Northeast 145th Street. The new design will improve safety and efficiency for walking, bicycle riding and driving. For more information, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/100thavedesign.

► JUANITA DRIVE QUICK WINS

The Juanita Drive Quick Wins design team is nearing completion on the first phase of safety improvements along the Juanita Drive corridor. The Quick Wins project includes three sets of Rapid Flashing Beacons at three crosswalks, an uphill bike and pedestrian lane and sidewalk widening south of Juanita Drive's intersection with 98th Avenue Northeast.

The project includes several additional safety improvements, such as an eastbound to northbound refuge pocket from Northeast 138th Place onto Juanita Drive. These are the quickest and most cost-effective ways to improve safety—especially for walking and bicycle riding—along Juanita Drive. However, the full plan for Juanita Drive includes more than 30 projects. To learn more, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/juanitadrive.



► THIRD STREET AND CENTRAL WAY SEWER

Construction begins in August on an upgrade to the 48-inch sanitary sewer pipe that crosses Central Way at Third Street. Project Engineer Marius Eugenio, Jr. expects construction to last until the end of fall. The upgrade replaces an aging, 24-inch concrete sewer pipe and prepares for an increasing downtown population.

► WATER AND SEWER MAIN UPGRADES BEGIN SUMMER ON SECOND STREET SOUTH

The City of Kirkland will upgrade the existing six-inch concrete sewer line that runs along Second Street South and Third Avenue South with 780 linear feet of eight-inch PVC sewer pipe. The City will also replace the aging six-inch water main that runs along Second Street South with a 12-inch water main. Project Engineer Aparna Khanal expects to complete the design by summer 2016 and to begin construction by early fall 2016. Construction will likely be complete by early 2017. For more information, search "water sewer second third" on www.kirklandwa.gov.

► INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, PHASE II

The upgrade of 25 intersection signals in Totem Lake begins in July. Along with connecting all of the traffic signals into a single, coordinated network, the project will also add to them video detection cameras that can detect bicycles as well as closed-caption television cameras that Kirkland's transportation engineers can monitor and control from City Hall. For more information, search "Intelligent Transportation Systems" on www.kirklandwa.gov/its.

HELP KEEP OUR LAKES AND STREAMS CLEAN

Are you using a pressure washer to clean your house or driveway? It is important that nothing but rain water is washed into a storm drain. Pollutants such as vehicle fluids, pet waste, and soaps (including bio-degradable products) that are washed down a drain and into the City's storm drainage system are discharged directly to the nearest wetland, stream, or lake without any treatment.

Help keep pollutants out of our storm drains when you pressure wash your parking lot, driveway, or sidewalk.

HERE ARE 5 EASY TIPS:

1. Use absorbent rags to clean up oil stains.
2. Sweep to pick up litter, debris, and dirt.
3. Use cold water.
4. Do NOT use chemicals or soaps when washing driveways or sidewalks.
5. Filter water before it flows into a storm drain to pick up excess litter, debris, and dirt using filter fabric that can be picked-up at any home improvement store. Make sure to secure the fabric on top of drain using sand bags or rocks. Another option is to contain and vacuum wastewater and dispose of it into a sanitary system (toilet or floor drain).

For more ways to keep pollutants out of storm drains and away from our wetlands, streams and lakes, visit www.kirklandwa.gov and search "stormwater."



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★ Celebrate Kirkland! 4th of July 2016 ★

★ 2016 Parade theme: "It's a Small World" ★



For Celebrate Kirkland event information,
visit www.celebratekirkland.org



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Title VI:

It is the City of Kirkland's policy to ensure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the provision of benefits and services resulting from programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with the City of Kirkland.

To request an alternate format or for questions about Kirkland's Title VI Program, contact Kari Page, Title VI Coordinator at 425-587-3011 or titlevicoordinator@kirklandwa.gov.

Schedule of Events on July 4th

- ▶ **7:00 AM**
Parade Route and Staging Route cleared. Cars and vehicles will be towed
- ▶ **9:30 AM**
Parade Route Closes and Detours in Place
- ▶ **10:00 AM**
Children's Decorating Event at Marina Park Pavilion
Tattoos, flags, and tons of fun for the family
- ▶ **11:30 AM**
Children's walking parade begins at Market and Central
- ▶ **12:00 PM**
Old Fashioned Downtown parade starts at Market and Central
- ▶ **1:00 PM - 10:30 PM**
Join all your friends and neighbors at Marina Park!
Food and sponsor vendors in the park or bring your own picnic basket
- ▶ **5:00 PM - MUSIC IN THE PARK**
- ▶ **10:15 PM - FIREWORKS**
Fantastic Fireworks Display off of Marina Park with viewing from most downtown waterfront parks.

Fireworks Information

- ▶ **THE SALE AND DISCHARGE OF PRIVATE FIREWORKS IS BANNED IN THE CITY OF KIRKLAND.**
- ▶ **IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.**
- ▶ **Enjoy the fireworks show from Marina Park.**
- ▶ **For fireworks ban information, call the Fire Marshal's Office at 425-587-3650**

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